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## CLAIM 1 FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY

1. (original) Apparatus for manipulating a teat cup assembly used for milking a domestic animal, the teat cup assembly including a shell and a resilient liner adapted to receive the animal's teat, the liner being capable of extending through the shell while being retained by the shell, the apparatus comprising a frame, a fixture mounted on the frame, the fixture being sized and shaped for receiving and holding the shell having the liner retained therein, and a mechanical puller disposed mounted on the frame relative to the fixture to grig and pull the liner and move the liner and shell relative to each other to stretch the liner to a position in which the liner is capable of being at least one of installed on and removed from the teat cup, and a switch for initiating operation of the mechanical puller.